

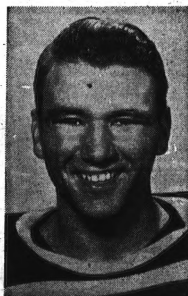
Junior Oil Kings to Play Gas Kings Here February 2

(From The Viking News)

On Tuesday evening, at 8:30 p.m., Viking and district hockey fans will have the privilege of seeing the Edmonton Junior Oil Kings in action when they meet the Viking Gas Kings in an exhibition encounter.

The Oil Kings, presently on top of the Western Junior Hockey League, are a rough, fast skating team and have won their last 15 games. A few of the boys have had tryouts with the professional Edmonton Flyers, and showed up exceedingly well. As these boys are juniors, their ages are 20 years or under. So for the tops in hockey entertainment be at the Viking Carina next Tuesday night, February 2.

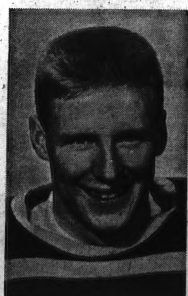
Pictured below are three of the Oil King stars:



NORM ULLMAN
Leading Scorer



GORDON STRATE
Starry Defenceman



BILLY McNEILL
Flashy Right Winger

IN MEMORIAM

HAGER—in loving memory of Louis Hager who passed away January 31, 1951.

The rolling stream of life rolls on,
But still the vacant chair,
Recalls the love, the voice, the smile,
Of one who once sat there.

—Ever remembered by his wife and family.

Irma W.I. Program, 1954

February
Place—Mrs. R. O. Larson.
Hostesses—Mrs. Drewicki and Mrs. Matwickuk.
Raffle—Mrs. Des Jardine.
Program—Mrs. Jack.
Roll Call—Canadians in the news.

Topic—Home Economics by Mrs. Anquist.

March
Place—Mrs. Fahner.
Hostesses—Mrs. Fahner and Mrs. Milne.
Raffle—Mrs. C. Barber.
Program—Mrs. Anquist.
Roll Call—Bring an antique and tell its history.
Topic—Handicrafts by Mrs. Scott.

April
Place—Mrs. Thurston.
Hostesses—Mrs. Kirkman and Mrs. Anquist.
Raffle—Mrs. Milne.
Program—Mrs. Smallwood.
Roll Call—My Pet Peeve.
Topic—Canadian Industries and Agriculture by Mrs. R. O. Larson.

May
Place—Mrs. Meier.
Hostesses—Mrs. C. Barker and Mrs. E. Rae.
Raffle—Mrs. Kirkman.
Program—Mrs. R. O. Larson.
Roll Call—Name a country represented at the ACWW Conference.
Topics—Health by Mrs. Rohrer and Education by Mrs. Gunn.

June
Place—Mrs. Prosser.
Hostesses—Mrs. L. Meier and Mrs. C. Smallwood.
Raffle—Mrs. Gunn.
Program—Mrs. Drewicki.
Roll Call—Suggestions for the parade float.
Topics—Citizenship by Mrs. Smallwood and Social Security by Mrs. Prosser.

July
Place—School Luncheon.
Hostesses—Mrs. Jack, Mrs. Loades, Mrs. W. Rae, and Mrs. Stockton.
Program—by the program committee.
Roll Call—bring a grandmother.

August
Place—Mrs. Loades.
Hostesses—Mrs. H. Barker and Mrs. Des Jardine.
Raffle—Mrs. Hubman.
Program—Mrs. Loades.
Roll Call—Impromptu.

September
Place—Mrs. Zoost.
Hostesses—Mrs. Prosser and Mrs. R. O. Larson.
Raffle—Mrs. Fahner.
Program—Mrs. Long.
Roll Call—My first impression of Irma.

October
Place—Mrs. Glasgow.
Hostesses—Mrs. Long and Mrs. Rohrer.
Raffle—Mrs. E. Rae.
Program—Mrs. McLean.
Roll Call—Exchange of pot holders.

November
Place—Mrs. McFarland.
Hostesses—Mrs. McFarland and Mrs. Scott.
Raffle—Mrs. Rohrer.
Program—Mrs. W. Rae.
Roll Call—Subscriptions for Home and Country.

December
Place—Mrs. Anquist.
Hostesses—Mrs. Hubman and Mrs. Stewart.
Raffle—Mrs. H. Barber.
Roll Call—Christmas Cheer Fund.

There will be election of officers at this meeting.
For any information please contact Mrs. Kirkman or Mrs. H. Barber.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our most sincere thanks for the various expressions of sympathy and to all those who helped us in any way in our recent loss and bereavement.

Lawrence, Helen,
Doris and Gertrude.

Northern Nuggets

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Moore and Cynthia of Edmonton were week-end visitors at the home of Mrs. Moore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Currie.

The most recent scarlet fever victims are Mrs. Claude Ramsey, Evelyn Hardy and Roger Larson.

Mrs. Bob Allen has gone to Edmonton to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher. Mrs. Fisher visited in the district earlier this month demonstrating Beauty Counselor cosmetics to interested ladies.

Mrs. Alf Larson has been enjoying a visit from her mother, Mrs. Lockhart of Kinsella this week.

Calgary Power men were in the district early this week giving IRMA subscribers their first meter readings.

The snow plow opened the Orbindale roads on Monday as well as the Mannville highway. Orbindale school was closed for some time due to cold weather and drifted roads.

Friends of Mrs. M. Clelland of Edmonton will be sorry to hear that she has again been a hospital patient.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Chris Emslund (nee Cora Larson) on the birth of their second daughter in Mannville on January 26.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fikrus, the former Donna Coulman on the birth of a daughter, Sharon Marie, in the Mannville hospital Jan. 26.

We are sorry to learn of the death of Mr. E. Gunderson who passed away in an Edmonton hospital January 23. Mr. and Mrs. Gunderson moved into the Education Point district last fall and Mr. Gunderson has spent the last two months in hospital.

man, Alta., January 23. The sympathy of all here is extended to Mrs. Gunderson and family.

Church Services

CHRISTIAN and MISSIONARY ALLIANCE TABERNACLE

Sunday School, Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

Worship Service 11:45 a.m.

Bible Study and Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8 p.m.

"I Cor. 5:15—He died for all that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him, which died for them and rose again."

Pastor N. V. Ashdown.

UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, January 31

Irma Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Worship Service 11:30 a.m.

The annual congregational meeting with reports from all the organizations of the church, and election of officers for 1954 will be held at 8 p.m. A social hour and lunch after the meeting.

H. W. Inglis, Minister.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

Service of Holy Communion will be held in St. Mary's church on Sunday, January 31 at 2:30 p.m., weather permitting.

AVONGLIN GOSPEL MISSION

Regular Sunday services are held at Avonglin Gospel Mission every Sunday.

Sunday School 10:45.

Worship Service 2:00 p.m.

We preach the Book, the Blood and The Blessed Hope.

T. M. Conway, Pastor.

Canada's population has hit 15 million persons compared with 3 million at Confederation in 1867 and 5,300,000 in 1901.

The Alberta Co-operative Association Act forbids any co-operative from making a contribution to political party.

A wide variety of synthetic rubbers and chemical treatment of natural rubber make tires today last five times as long and cost half as much as in 1920. Mileage 30 years ago averaged 5,000; today it is close to 20,000.

Southern Sayings

The sympathy of the district is extended to Mrs. J. Burrell on the death of her husband last Saturday. May God Bless and keep you.

Mr. Roy Reber who has not been well since Christmas is again in Edmonton taking treatment. In his absence Thos. Steele of Edmonton, formerly of Ireland, is doing the chores at the Reber farm.

Mr. Arthur Jackson was a visitor to his home here last Sunday and returned on Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mr. Burrell.

The Strawberry Plain W.I. will be postponed again on account of the cold weather and will be held on Thursday, Feb. 18.

With the cold weather hanging on the folks are staying close to home so there is not much news these days.

Former Irma Boy Given Lead Role in Film

LONDON—Vernon Gray, 23-year-old Canadian actor from Elk Point, Alta., figures he should buy a ticket home more often.

No sooner had he booked a Christmas holiday passage than he landed his first film part in five months. The dark-haired actor, known to Canadians as Vernon Rham-Gray, had been cooling his heels since he signed a long-term contract early this year with Rank film studios.

Now he has been picked for a lead role in a "second feature" film to be made by an independent company about a Fleet street journalist recalled from his honeymoon with his "scoop" him.

Each previous producer told Gray: "You look too young." The Saskatoon-born actor had been tested for parts in films including one starring blonde Alexis Smith, Hollywood's icicle girl from Penticton, B.C.

He specially wanted that one "but after the first month I'd have played any lesser role," Gray said. He gets paid even if he doesn't work but he hates idleness.

"I've been filling my time limbering up in a gymnasium and perfecting an English accent, but it doesn't help the boredom much."

Kinsella News

Mrs. D. Jackson of Ponoka spent two weeks at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. Barker.

Mr. S. Stevens of Edson recently visited his mother Mrs. R. Stevens.

The W.I. will meet on Saturday afternoon, January 30 at 2 o'clock. Please note change in time.

Friends of Carol Garvie enjoyed very much her singing of the song "My Ain Folk" on the Search for Talent Show held at Viking Saturday evening and congratulate her on being in second place at the conclusion of the program.

It was interesting to Kinsella people to hear on a radio broadcast that Mr. J. Neale of Ponoka had won the trophy for the best kept creamery in Alberta. Mr. Neale was for many years manager of the Kinsella creamery.

Mr. E. West of Toronto, Ont., who is visiting relatives in this district is at present the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. Greenwood.

A nylon vest which repels revolver bullets has been invented by Dr. J. V. Weinberger of Ottawa. In a test, a copper-jacketed .38 revolver bullet, fired from 12 feet, penetrated four or five layers of the vest, then rebounded.

Final Tribute Paid Mrs. Mary Savage

MRS. MARY ANN SAVAGE.

Mrs. Mary Savage, the former Mary Ann Beitz who passed away in Edmonton January 15 was born near Guelph, Ont., 64 years ago. She was married in 1911 to Mr. Oswald Savage and they came to Youngstown, Sask., to homestead there in 1912, moving to the Irma district in 1938.

Mrs. Savage had a very friendly pleasant personality. She was an ardent gardener and an active worker both at home and in the community. She was deeply attached to her church and her religious convictions bore fruit in the many kindnesses she was ready to do for all who came in contact with her. She will be sadly missed.

Mr. Savage predeceased her in 1943. She leaves to mourn one son Lawrence of Irma and three daughters (Helen) Mrs. J. Becklund, Stettler; (Doris) Mrs. Fred Schiele and (Gertrude) Mrs. Goe. Scollan of Edmonton. Three sisters, five brothers and 10 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from St. Theresa's Church, Irma on January 19 with Father Clement of Wainwright officiating. Pall bearers were Messrs. J. Donoghue, Wm. Hubman, Eugene Meyer, Stan Coulman, Erle Prior and Ted Prior. Interment was made in the Irma cemetery.

Foster and McGarvie Funeral Director.

Mass cards were from: Ted and Leona Brink and family; Lawrence and Marion and family; Fred and Doris and family; George and Gertrude; John and Helen and family; Miss A. Donoghue; Mr. J. Donoghue; Mr. and Mrs. W. Hubman; Mr. and Mrs. L. Meyer; Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Wiese; Alvin Meyer; Ann and Alvin Schmidt; Elmer, Annie and family; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kurtz; Mr. and Mrs. M. Kurtz.

Flowers were from: The family; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Scollan; Herb, Barb and children; Mr. and Mrs. George Becklund; McTaggart Motors; Melton Real Estate; Harold, Lucille and family; Management and staff of Henry Birks and Son; Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Evans; Mr. and Mrs. E. Newnam; Violet and Connie.

To the Cancer Fund; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Archibald and family; Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Prosser and family; The Buffalo Coulee W.I.; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Halverson; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clumstad; Mr. and Mrs. Pete Kellar and family; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kellar and family; Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Haun and family; Evelyn White; Mr. and Mrs. Fanny Prosser; Mr. and Mrs. H. Riley; Mr. and Mrs. G. Coulman and family; Mr. and Mrs. L. Meier and family.

To the Polio Fund: Mr. and Mrs. J. Craig; Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Gunn; Mrs. M. McLeod; Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Frickelton; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Prior; Mr. and Mrs. Erle Prior; Mr. and Mrs. V. Prior; Mr. and Mrs. A. Pierce; Mrs. W. Dunbar; Mill, Kay and Dennis; Vic, Det and Jean.

To the Good Shepherd Home from Mr. and Mrs. J. Clisdell. To the Protestant Home for Children in memory of Mrs. Savage: J. A. Hedley; Bill and Irma Guy and girls; Mr. and Mrs. J. Pond and family; Mr. and Mrs. U. Marshall; Jim and Miffie Jackson.

In addition to the Smallwood rink winning the Grand Challenge at the Hardisty slip the rink skipped by Geo. Fischer won 2nd prize in the third event and third in one of the other events, the Hubman rink took third in the Merchants' and the H.S. rink skipped by Ken Fischer won 4th in the G.C. So all in all the Irma curlers gave a good account of themselves at the Hardisty slip.

Glen-Coa Cleanings

We are glad to report this week that Mr. Berge Gulbraa arrived home from Wainwright hospital last Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Satre and son spent a day or two at Satre's this week before returning to Vancouver.

The weather seems to have us all buffeted. Every activity is being cancelled while homes are much appreciated these days.

Research is constantly improving soaps and cleansers, adding chemicals that brighten fabrics, suppress bacterial growth and give better detergent action.

Kiefer's SHOWS at IRMA

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Tyrone Power, Henry Fonda

Friday, February 5 Family

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Crow's Nest Pass Coal Mines Retain Reputation Of Western Canada's Largest Coal Field

Notwithstanding the growing severity of adverse factors, Southern Alberta's coal mining industry came through 1953 as an important producer of new wealth, its output of approximately two million tons of coal having a minehead value of \$11,500,000.

And, as has been the case for many years, this region accounted for more than a third of Alberta's total coal production and the Crow's Nest Pass retained its reputation of being "western Canada's largest and most productive coal field."

During the past year the coal mining industry in Southern Alberta paid out more than \$5,000,000 in wages and salaries to its own employees and contributed substantially to the earnings of hundreds of others associated with the transportation and marketing of coal.

Nevertheless, the industry slipped again during the past year—though the ground it lost was not as serious as might have been expected in the face of the major problems harassing the industry in every part of Alberta.



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"Try my favorite recipe for the month"

LEMON PUDDING

1/2 cup granulated sugar 4 cups milk
6 tablespoons BENSON'S or 2 egg yolks, well-beaten
CANADA Corn Starch 1/2 cup lemon juice
1/4 teaspoon salt 1 tablespoon grated lemon rind
1/4 teaspoon salt 2 egg whites, stiffly beaten

MIX sugar, BENSON'S or CANADA Corn Starch and salt in top of double boiler.
ADD milk slowly; mix until smooth.
PLACE over boiling water; cook until thick, stir constantly.
COVER; cook 10 minutes; stirring occasionally.
REMOVE from heat, pour over well-beaten egg yolks slowly; stir constantly.
RETURN to double boiler; cook 2 minutes longer, stir well.
REMOVE from heat, add juice and rind.
FOLD hot mixture slowly into stiffly beaten egg whites.
COOL, chill, serve with Custard Sauce.
YIELD: 8 servings.

CUSTARD SAUCE

1 tablespoon BENSON'S or 1/4 teaspoon salt
CANADA Corn Starch 2 egg yolks
1/4 cup granulated sugar 2 cups milk
1 teaspoon vanilla

COMBINE BENSON'S or CANADA Corn Starch, sugar and salt in top of double boiler.
ADD egg yolks, milk well; stir in milk slowly.
PLACE over boiling water, cook until thick (about 5 minutes); stir constantly.
COOL, add vanilla, chill. YIELD: 2 1/2 cups.



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Funny and Otherwise

"A cold bath every morning is the thing to make you really athletic."

"I know, I broke my high jump record the first time I stepped into one."

A girl who was in love with a jockey, had persuaded her mother to see her fiancé ride in a race. Mother took up her position near the rails, and when the horses flashed past and disappeared, she snapped her mouth like a clamp.

"You ought not to marry that fellow," she said sadly. "I did like a boar. I told him to look out for me, and when he passed he didn't even raise his cap."

The outraged farmer stormed into the living-room. "Who chopped down that cherry tree?"

His son hung his head and admitted, "I did, father. I cannot tell a lie. I chopped it down with this little hatchet."

Whereupon the farmer gave the boy a thrashing.

"But, father," cried the son, "George Washington cut down a cherry tree when he was a boy, too, and when he was brave enough to admit it, his father didn't beat him."

The father grimly: "But when George Washington chopped down the tree, his father wasn't up it."

"I don't understand why a handsome boy like Donald would marry an ugly woman twenty years his senior."

"When you want bank notes you don't look at their dates!"

A bathed man has been rescued by a local fisherman. After artificial respiration had been used for some time he showed signs of life.

A bystander then came forward with a glass of brandy. Eyeing this eagerly, the bathed mumbled:

"Roll me over and get some more water out first."

"How did you compile your great dictionary?" the lexicographer was asked.

"Oh, it was something like having a quarrel with a wife—one word led to another."

"Is it true that it's good luck for a black cat to follow you?"

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The Annual Meeting Of Shareholders of the Royal Bank of Canada

Canadian Export Trade, Domestic Living Standard, Endangered by "High Cost Economy". Costs must be Competitive with Foreign Producers, Says President

Flexibility needed to meet new conditions. "Time ripe for dollar countries to show good faith by reducing trade barriers and red tape as aid to Britain in making pound convertible."

The tendency to become a high-cost economy in which natural and artificial barriers prevent Canada from achieving the degree of flexibility and mobility required for orderly adjustment was the main theme of the address of James Muir, President, at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of The Royal Bank of Canada. Increased flexibility is needed, he maintained, if Canada is to make these price adjustments necessary to maintain stability and prosperity at home, and insure a competitive position in world markets. Canada, he declared, should also further in every possible way the movement toward a more liberalized trade and convertible currencies.

"A thriving export trade," said Mr. Muir, "is a means not only of paying for imports, but of securing through quality production lower costs for Canadian goods, whether these are exported or consumed at home. Canada must strive to maintain her standard of living only if she keeps her costs competitive with those of producers abroad."

HIGH COST ECONOMY
"Costs and prices in the Canadian economy tend to be insulated in two ways: first, there are business taxes, sales taxes, excise taxes, and customs duties which, because they are largely at the manufacturer's level, are embedded in the cost base. Second, there are certain 'invisible' barriers, whose existence is none the less, which tend to insulate Canadian prices even higher relative to foreign prices than the same in the United Kingdom."

For example, a certain British book that is sold in the United Kingdom at 28s. (or at the current rate of exchange \$3.92) sells for \$5.00 in New York and \$7.50 in Montreal. A certain piece of British manufactured equipment, retailing at \$41 in the United Kingdom (the equivalent of about \$112 Canadian) brings \$219 in the United States and \$275 in Montreal. An American-made article of household equipment sells for \$77.50 in New England; but the price of the same article in Montreal is \$149.

"Canada so dependent for prosperity on a healthy flow of goods, services, and investment funds across her borders that the maintenance of favourable opinion abroad is an especially important consideration. But, if we are not to disappoint our friends abroad and even more important if we are not to fail in achieving the economic development promised by our great natural resources, we must adopt those long-run measures that remove or reduce certain special barriers to our economic growth. The most important of these barriers is the smallness of our population with a consequent narrowness of our national market."

And steadily improving, Britain can afford, once more to consider freeing the pound sterling with the great advantage that now she will move from a position of strength rather than weakness.

"I think we can say that Britain and her partners in the sterling area, as well as most of her NATO partners in Europe, have not only accepted convertibility as a desirable principle, but have in fact subjected themselves to the discipline in their domestic monetary and fiscal policy which is one of the prerequisites to convertibility."

"I believe the time has come for the dollar area to show evidence of good faith by reducing trade barriers both in the form of tariff duties and in the form of customs formalities and red tape. The dollar area must in addition show willingness to undertake certain responsibilities in the international monetary field."

ULTIMATE REWARDS GREAT
"I have emphasized the seriousness of the problems we have to face both in the immediate and in the more distant future. This does not mean that I have anything but the most abundant faith in the ability of a nation to solve our problems; but I have thought it better to risk some over-optimism than to encourage false hopes. The economic policy required to solve these problems will involve the sacrifice of expediency to sound principle in a number of matters where the choice is not politically very difficult. The ultimate reward is great: no less in fact than the growth of Canada to the economic status it needs to take her place among the great nations of the world."

DOLLAR AREAS' ROLE
"We seem nearer to convertibility today than we have been since the imposition of wartime exchange control throughout most of the world; but the prerequisite to convertibility have not changed."

"Since the end of the war the world's hopes for convertibility have waxed and waned with Britain's exchange reserves. Today with reserves at \$2,520 millions

General Manager Reports Assets Over \$2.8 Billions

T. H. Atkinson, General Manager, in reviewing the bank's 1953 report, stated that the total assets of The Royal Bank of Canada have now reached the imposing total of \$2,895,356,150. This, he said, was a new high mark in Canadian banking history, and is the highest ever reported by any Canadian bank.

Deposits likewise had reached record totals, said Mr. Atkinson. They now stand at \$2,734,644,076, an increase of \$207,133,639 over the previous year. "It is encouraging to note," said Mr. Atkinson, "that Canadians generally continue to save a reasonable proportion of their incomes. The increase in deposits of the bank has been accompanied by the expansion in the number of accounts on our books. We now conduct over 2,300,000 accounts."

Mr. Atkinson reported profits for the year had increased \$1,500,000 over the previous year, after providing for taxes, depreciation and dividends, the net profits for the year amounted to \$5,835,150. The bank's Reserve Fund now stands at \$70,000,000. This, the President noted, was for the first time in the bank's history, equivalent to twice the bank's Paid-up capital.

Also in this year's increase in this fund, he said, had resulted from the transfer to it of not only a part of the year's earnings but also of \$12,000,000 from the bank's reserves for contingencies.

The bank's programme of branch improvement continued during the year. Construction of a new building to house its Calgary branch was commenced, and a new building for its Hamilton branch will be underway shortly. Branch will be underway shortly. Branch will be underway shortly.

ROYAL BANK ABROAD
Mr. Atkinson dwelt on the growing number of the bank's branches abroad, especially in the West Indies and British Guiana. The bank now operates 66 full-time and 14 subsidiary branches, and has now under consideration the opening of two additional offices in the Caribbean area.

"Naturally the volume of our business abroad has increased in the trend of conditions in the many countries where we operate. From time to time branches have been closed, and in certain countries delay remittances but in the whole, over the long period your bank has operated abroad, a satisfactory solution has always been found to such temporary problems, and the contribution made to the overall earnings of the bank by the foreign division has always been worth while. It is, therefore, gratifying that I am in a position to report that profits and in other respects results have been excellent from our overseas division for the period under review."

"With respect to the general character of our business, we continue our policy of wide distribution of risks and our portfolio of loans and investments is diversified and sound from the standpoint of liquidity."

PRaise FOR STAFF
"The past year's business, the biggest in the history of Canadian banking, was built on precisely the same foundation as has produced this bank so well since its first days. There is little spectacular or dramatic about it; there are no secret weapons in our armoury. The base of our success is the superior service given by our front line staff in courtesy, friendliness, helpfulness and genuine interest in our customers' welfare. The work of executive officers would be of little avail without it."

"Wherever we go, we hear from customers—some of them old-established, some new, and some casual—about how graciously they have been treated by our branch officers. That reputation is an asset beyond calculation, and in behalf of the executive I thank every member of the staff for his and her part in building it."

involve the sacrifice of expediency to sound principle in a number of matters where the choice is not politically very difficult. The ultimate reward is great: no less in fact than the growth of Canada to the economic status it needs to take her place among the great nations of the world."

Grande Prairie To Erect Highway Signs To Attract Tourists

GRANDE PRAIRIE, Alta.—Highway signs west and north of town have been approved in principle by the Alberta Department of Highways, A. E. Galway, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce said earlier this week.

The signs, to be erected at intersections of the highway and the by-pass will aim at stimulating the interest of tourists sufficiently to bring them into town.

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OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY —

One Way To Get There

By Winifred Churchill

"A CUP of coffee, quick," John Standish inched himself on a stool of the all-night coffee stand. The clock said midnight. Surely it must be later than that! The waiter set out the steaming cup. "Where's your helper?"

"Bill's sick. Couldn't wait for another man. Got this just before I pulled out," John pushed a soiled telegram across the counter. "Gee, I'm tired."

The waiter read, "Sandra in hospital complications hurry. Signed Mother."

"Racing the clock's no joke. Didn't expect him so soon," Standish gulped the drink. "Fill her up again. Maybe it'll wake me up."

"Say," exclaimed the waiter, "a message came for you. I'd forgotten." He went to the back and returned with a slip of paper on which someone had taken down a telegram read over the telephone.

Standish read it and whooped. "It's a boy and all well." He threw out a coin and started for the door.

"What's the rush, Pop," cracked the waiter. "You cannot get into the hospital until visiting hours."

"I can get in O.K. It's a small hospital on the edge of town, right on my way in."

"Never tried it. Is it all right?"

"Yes, when you haven't a load. Take it easy, Pop."

The night seemed endless. John had been tired before. Now the letdown from sheer relief almost was worse. But he kept awake by repeating over and over, "It's a boy and Sandra's all right."

Slowly the stars faded as the pale ghost of dawn crept out of the east. Midville Road was near.

according to his reckoning. He should reach the city by seventy-three. He was sure hungry. No solid foods had passed his lips in twelve hours, and the effects of the coffee had long worn off. The day grew in brightness and warmth. About five miles more. How long each mile seemed. He told himself that it was now only a matter of minutes. Then he saw the familiar X: "Stop. Look. Listen. R.R." How many times that night had he crossed tracks? Counting them would have been a diversion; how sleepy he had become!

Then he heard the sound of an oncoming train; the roar of the engine, the ringing of the bell, the scream of the whistle. On and on it came. Could he cross the grade before it? Already he felt the hot breath of the engine. It was upon him. Too late to stop. He was going to get hit. He set his teeth and his brakes. Then the crash! Darkness! The train had won the race. He knew no more.

The bright sun was shining on him through a window. He moved slightly and felt a throb of pain. A hospital room. The nurse remembered. He was still alive. He pressed the bell beside him. Why didn't someone care?

The door opened and a nurse entered. She carried a tray. He smiled. "Do you want to meet your son?" she asked.

"And your wife is doing fine and happy that you will be out of the hospital before she is. It is not everyone who can come out of such a crash as you did, with only a few bruises. You must have fallen asleep when you crashed into the telephone pole near the hospital."

"It wasn't a telephone pole. I ran into a train."

The nurse smiled again. "Train! Why, Mr. Standish, that's an abandoned track. No train has passed over it in five years."

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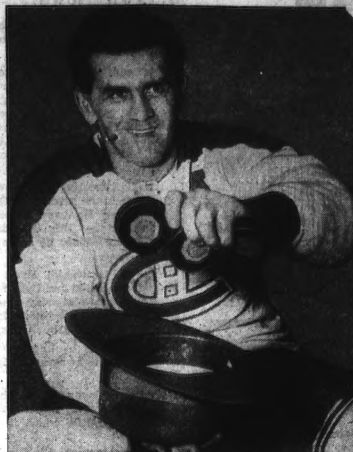
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SHE DOESN'T GET VERY TIRED!

—By Les Carroll

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THE BAT TRICK—Enjoying a big moment after a recent victory over Chicago Hawks is Rocket Richard, seen holding these plucks, representing his goal production for the night.

Glenboro Gazette and Lacombe Globe Win Road Safety Awards

The Glenboro Gazette and The Lacombe Globe won the 1953 traffic safety awards in the All Canada Insurance Federation weekly newspaper competitions, for their respective regions.

Purpose of the insurance companies' competition is to recognize

Teachers Help Students Earn Scholarships

SURREY, B.C.—Teachers in this centre 15 miles south of Vancouver have been singing, dancing and putting on amateur plays for the last three years to aid their students in obtaining higher education.

In 1949 the teachers met to discuss ways and means of helping their students and decided to stage plays and concerts in which only teachers would appear. Some were assigned to work on costumes, some to prepare stage properties and others to write script.

People turned out in large numbers and many parents saw their children's teacher for the first time.

With the revenue 15 students have received scholarships. To qualify a student must be outstanding as a scholar and a well-rounded individual.



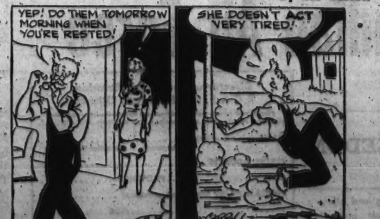
Serve Fried Pork Tenderloin for Sunday dinner or a company meal. The patties are first browned, then cooked in a fruit sauce on top of the stove or in a moderate oven.

Fruited Pork Tenderloin
Two pork tenderloins (1 to 2 lbs.), 1/4 cup flour, 1 cup orange juice, 1/2 cup crushed pineapple, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. allspice, 1 cup sour cream.

Split tenderloins lengthwise, almost in two. Open out flat. Cut into 2 or 3 pieces, according to size of tenderloin. Flour meat on both sides and brown in skillet.

Combine orange juice, pineapple, salt and allspice. Pour over browned meat. Cover and cook over low heat or bake in a moderate oven, 350 degrees F., for 45 minutes or until fork tender. Turn meat once during cooking. Remove pork tenderloin to warm platter. Add sour cream and sauce in skillet. Stir and cook until heated through. Pour over meat on platter and serve.

—By Les Carroll



Canada's Major Source

1953 Will Be Remembered As Year Uranium Production Started In Northern Sask.

URANIUM CITY.—Nineteen fifty three will long be remembered as the year uranium production started from Canada's major source of this atomic fuel here in the Beaverlodge lake region of Northwestern Saskatchewan. Federally owned and operated Eldorado Mining and Refining Limited began producing uranium here last June 1. This was definitely the most notable achievement of the year of Beaverlodge. But there were others of consequence as well.

The number of underground workings in the area doubled—to 16. The number of active developments jumped to 100, from less than 50 last year. Expenditures topped a record-breaking \$10,000,000. Well-financed private companies spurred development to unprecedented levels, a few of them reaching the mine stage late in the season.

Claim staking, perhaps the most spectacular aspect of development in the area during the year, spread out from the immediate vicinity of Beaverlodge Lake west as far as the Saskatchewan-Alberta boundary, north to Tain Lake bordering the Northwest Territories and east some 20 miles to the Beaver River area. Over 11,000 claims have been staked and recorded since the first of the year, bringing the total now in good standing to approximately 15,000.

A few of the private developments are presently working underground at Beaverlodge could be producing uranium-bearing ore today. But Eldorado, which has the only considerable surface work on its property, will be unable to custom mill ore until early next year. As a result, these companies are now concentrating on enlarging their ore reserves.

Gunnar Gold Mines was constantly in the mineral spotlight during the year. This "Cinderella" mine concern has already outlined, by diamond drilling, close to \$100,000,000 worth (gross value) of uranium ore, and is now preparing a low cost, open pit mining operation.

The company plans a \$7,000,000 capital expenditure to bring it to the mine stage, which may be reached the latter part of next year. A large chunk of this will go for a huge concentrator plant, with a capacity of 1,000 tons a day, milling capacity, twice that of Eldorado's at present.

Present indications are that at least five mines will be producing uranium-bearing ore from Beaverlodge by next summer. Meanwhile, while mine activity generally in this rich uranium field is continuing, the province with the peak nowhere in sight yet, and although 1953 was a big year here, 1954 promises to be an even bigger one.

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PATTERN 281

This old-fashioned knife and fork tray has many modern uses. They were originally made in pine, maple and walnut. It is best to use woods such as these as they take a fine smooth finish. The pattern gives actual size tracing diagrams for cutting out the pieces for the tray; also directions for making the utility stand with pull-out leaf, as shown at the lower right. Everything complete on pattern 281, price 35c. Readers interested in making their authentic Early American reproductions will want to send for packet containing an assortment of standard size patterns. Price of pattern is \$1.00 postpaid.



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The stepped-up search for new uranium deposits up here turned up three promising "hot spots" this past summer: Laird Island, a 16-square-mile mountain of highly-mineralized rock in the middle of Tain Lake; the Cypress River-Shepherd Lake region, 15 miles west of Uranium City; and the Beaver River area some 20 miles to the east of Beaverlodge Lake.

Over a dozen favorable radioactive showings have been reported on Laird Island since late August. The island is completely blanketed by claims (over 200) and a number of companies are now being formed to explore and develop them.

In the Cypress River-Shepherd Lake area, dozens of the liveliest staking bees to occur in the Athabasca region last summer—close to 1,000 claims have been staked. Uranium Ridge Mines is presently the most active developer in this area.

Home Yellowknife, a "Johnny-come-lately" to Beaverlodge, entered the Beaver River area last July. The company did considerable surface work on its property and is now driving an adit, staking to the confidence being placed in this new section of the Beaverlodge field.

Mining men here say underground development is the best yardstick for measuring progress in the area, pointing out that going underground through shaft or adit workings is the last and most costly phase of mine development. It is done only after extensive surface exploration and diamond drilling has indicated definite mine-making possibilities.

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MAN. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEET AT DAUPHIN, 1954

DAUPHIN, Man. — The 1954 convention of the Manitoba chambers of commerce is to be held in Dauphin, S. S. Hunt, delegate to this year's meet in St. James, informed local members at their monthly meeting, Dec. 9.

It will be the first time the provincial organization has chosen Dauphin as a convention center. Date is expected to be about the same time as this year's conference, in mid-November.

Some 100 members of local chambers and 20 wives were present in St. James last month. Forty-six resolutions were dealt with and forwarded for the attention of either the provincial or federal government, in some cases for both bodies.

Of those attending, it has been estimated that about two-thirds were from points outside Greater Winnipeg.

Al Hamilton, secretary for the Robin chamber, was elected as councillor for the Dauphin district. 3070



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5. Do not start stove fires with kerosene or gasoline.

Watch This Space For
Further Safety Hints

Jarrow News

Rev. H. W. Inglis will hold service at the church this Sunday January 31 at 3 p.m.

Our congratulations are extended to Mrs. Arthur Overby who was one of the winners in the current growing contest sponsored by The Alberta Nurseries at Bowden. She won \$40.00. You'll have to show us how, Alice.

The FUA meeting was put off again due to the severity of Old Man Winter. However, there'll be another try this Saturday night. There should be a break by that time.

Mrs. W. Oracheski, Mr. and Mrs. M. Oracheski and Lyle motored to Camrose Monday to see Mrs. W. Oracheski's sister, Mrs. Guss who is seriously ill there.

Bill Belton is hauling gravel on the Govt. highway near High Prairie.

Martin Swingan is working with the Alberta Wheat Pool construction outfit which is at Wainwright.

The Community Club will meet at the hall on Monday, February 1 at 8 p.m.

The school board meeting is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 1 at 9 p.m. at the school.

Change of dates: Miss Holms will not be able to be present at the meeting scheduled at Mrs. M. Oracheski's on Tuesday, Feb. 2, but will be present on Feb. 24. We hope the weatherman is more in our favor by the time and that everyone will be able to attend to hear Miss Holms interesting suggestions and demonstrations.

Former Irma Boy RCMP Officer Relates Coronation Experiences

Members of Penticton's Rotary Club heard a graphic and highly entertaining account of the Coronation last June, when their speaker at Monday's luncheon was Constable Lloyd Johnston.

This member of the local detachment of the RCMP was among the 46 who were chosen from the force in all parts of Canada to attend the historically significant events of the past in summer overseas and he offered a comprehensive and at times a very vivid survey of the coronation.

I particularly dealt with the preparation and background for the parade and showed the immensely detailed and complex task that had been accomplished apparently, as he put it, without a flaw.

Bishop Clark of Nelson, who tendered a vote of thanks to the speaker, remarked that he had often heard and read earlier descriptions of the Coronation and seen many a film, but our speaker today gave us more of a sense of the background to everything than I have ever yet enjoyed.

Constable Johnston was introduced to his audience by J. S. Atkins.

After the 44 men and two officers had been chosen to make the trip, an intensive period of training ensued. All had had eulazition and it was a case of being up every morning at 6 cleaning horses, riding for many hours. All the horses were black and in splendid condition, and were given regular exercise even on the trip across the Atlantic.

The men were on their mettle, according to Const. Johnston. The English are keen horsemen, bound to be intelligent critics and hence the vigorous training was continued throughout May in England. It had been decided that the Mounties would give their famous musical rides, a thing they were attempting for the first time overseas. So the hard work of preparation was never relaxed.

"But it was all worth it," he said. There was a feeling of pride and satisfaction as a result of the showing on the parade itself, and in the precision drills done to music, at the White City Stadium just before the Coronation and at Earls Court Stadium and at the Royal Highland shows afterwards in Scotland.

As many as twenty rides were presented at Earls Court Stadium before an estimated 260,000 people and at the end of Canada and The Maple Leaf were played in honor of the RCMP visitors.

Those songs may not mean too much to you here at "home," commented the speaker, "but it's a wonderful thrill to hear them away from home."

Another memorable time was when the Queen herself inspected the troop at Buckingham Palace, spoke to nearly all its members, prior to the presentation of medals.

In the parade itself the Mounties, as juniors to the various armed services, actually led the Canadian contingent, in keeping with the procedure adopted in a procession and ceremony that was essentially religious in character. This was a point that was clarified by Bishop Clark, when he gave his vote of thanks.

The Coronation itself, of course, was the keynote of everything. You could feel the tension in the air just around two o'clock in the afternoon at the crowning time. There was a deathlike stillness throughout the entire city. Then Westminster chimes and 62 guns booming from the tower of London, started ringing, cheers everywhere. It was a time I'll never forget.

Const. L. Johnston received his high school education in Irma.

HOME ECONOMIST NEWSNOTES

Shirley Holms, Wainwright.

How Do You Rate as a Fabric Expert?

Did you know that—For all patterned and especially drop repeat patterns you must allow extra length to take care of matching?

Measurements of furniture and windows are more accurate if you use a yardstick or ruler than a tape measure?

You should add at least 45" to bed measurements when figuring yardage for a bedspread?

Sheer curtains should be made with a triple fold of fabric in their heading to allow for let-down in case of shrinkage in cleaning?

You can expect quilting to take up about 2" in the length and 2" in the width of a fabric?

Draperies that are tied back should be made 8" longer than the window measurement?

The best way to get a straight cutting line on fabric is to pull a thread and cut along the thread line?

You can expect fabric to shrink about 10 percent when it is dyed?

Selvage may bind or pucker fabrics unless they are clipped diagonally or cut off entirely?

It is smart to buy extra fabric when you are slip covering so that you can replace the arm of chair which shows wear soonest?

Buckram or similar stiffening in the heading or draperies and curtains makes a firm starting point for draping and gives you more graceful folds?

Well made draperies should have a buckram heading from 3 1/2"-4 1/2" deep?

Curtains won't hang properly unless they are cut and hemmed to conform with the thread of the weave?

Skipped Stitches and Drawn Fabric

If the machine skips stitches or draws the fabric:

Needle is incorrectly set in clamp or needle bar.

Needle is blunt or bent, or too long or too short.

Needle is too fine for thread.

Dust or lint or threads clog working parts or machine. Clean and oil machine regularly to keep it in splendid running condition.

If stitching puckers the material, check for:

Blunt needle.

Tight tensions.

Pressure on presser foot—too much or too little.

Changeover in The Firearms Registration

Official headquarters of the R.C.M.P. in Ottawa have just announced a changeover in the registration of firearms in accordance with amendments in the Criminal Code of Canada, which has been in effect since January 1, 1952.

Anyone having a registration certificate dated before this time is required to comply with the following instructions, released by the Commissioner of the R.C.M.P.:

"The Laws of Canada require that every person, with exception of Wholesale and Retail Dealers, must register all revolvers, pistols and fully automatic firearms in his possession. This does not include the ordinary type of rifle, shot-gun or air gun."

It is also required that any person, with the above exception, wishing to purchase a revolver or pistol, or to receive it into his possession by gift, loan, or any other means must first obtain the necessary authority to do so from his local Police Department before receiving the firearm.

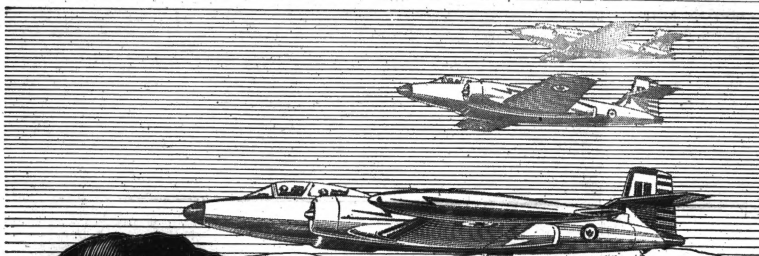
In accordance with amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada, a new type of Firearm Registration Certificate has been in effect since January 1, 1952. For the purpose of re-registration on this new type of certificate, registered owners are now requested to forward all copies of Certificates in their possession bearing date of issue prior to 1952 to:

The Commissioner, R.C.M.P., Ottawa, Ontario.

Attention:

Identification Branch.

In the event that copies of Certificates have become lost or mislaid, it is requested that the registered owner submit the descriptions of the firearms in his possession by letter, quoting the Make of Firearm, Calibre, Serial Number, Number Shots, and Barrel Length."



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To The Editor

January 12, 1954.

The Editor,
Dear Sir: Long experience has established that without the co-operation of the newspapers of Canada, the Christmas Season would lack much that is vital to it as a festival of goodwill. Now where is that more clearly demonstrated than in the matters which concern the Postal Service.

As in former years, the Post Office was taxed to its utmost in the season just past to cope with the tidal wave of mail that descended upon it in the days preceding Christmas. The flood could have caused many dislocations but for the timely forewarning which the newspapers published for the guidance of their readers to mail early.

In many parts of Canada, the past Christmas brought the heaviest mailings the Canadian Postal Service has ever had to deal with, and it is gratifying to record that public co-operation in early mailing was never more marked.

Always, of course, there are exceptions: some congestions did occur in two or three metropolitan centres where a wholly unprecedented last minute avalanche descended on local staffs, bringing about conditions that strained their powers to the limit. In those places, many people had ignored the counsel to mail early, holding back apparently in the belief that because of the success of previous mail early campaigns delivery by Christmas was an assured thing. Obviously there could not fail to be disappointments which might well have been averted had the late mailers taken the advice of those whose experience of many years prompted it.

Our own planning, which extends over many months, the intricate arrangements made long in advance, the checking and re-checking, would be of little avail if the public did not work with us. For that co-operation the Post Office staffs are most grateful. On their behalf, and on my own, I take this occasion to express my warmest thanks to the Press and to the Public at large, and to extend to all our very best wishes for 1954.

Yours sincerely,
W. J. Turnbull,
Deputy Postmaster General.

With today's quick-drying lacquers, developed by the chemical industry, an automobile can be finished in hours instead of the weeks required 30 years ago.

EDMONTON REPORT

By Donald F. Smith

EDMONTON—Newspaper reports of top-level negotiations between government and pipeline company officials give the impression that there is an aura of confidence that construction of a natural gas export pipeline to Eastern Canada and U.S. centres will begin this year. Perhaps that is so. Government officials have been shown they are anxious to see export begin as soon as possible.

The two companies seeking to export gas east have met one of the requirements set out by provincial and federal governments—that of amalgamation. They now are organizing the internal aspects of the union and, no doubt, lining up their material for the next hearing before the Alberta Petroleum and Natural Gas Conservation Board.

If you remember, the board early last December reported it was satisfied that Alberta gas reserves are sufficient to allow export, but it was not satisfied that the companies seeking export were assured of sufficient markets in the east nor of a satisfactory price which would ensure adequate payment to Alberta producers.

This is the next step the amalgamated companies must take. When they feel they are ready to present their case anew, they must notify the conservation board which then will resume its hearings.

According to reports that may be early next month, maybe sooner. In its last report the board said it would reconvene at a date early enough to allow the board to render a decision well before the start of the 1954 construction season.

Officials of the two firms, Trans-Canada Pipe Lines and Western Pipe Line Co., were in Edmonton last week presumably discussing plans for the board hearings. Also in the capital were Ontario provincial officials. They met at the weekend with Premier Manning to discuss the supply and export situation in general, probably in an attempt to assess what Alberta can offer the east in the way of a long and uninterrupted supply of gas.

Export to Ontario and Quebec is being considered from different aspects. Alberta gas must be sold there at a price competitive with the price of gas from the U.S., coal and, probably most of all, fuel oil, which is used extensively in eastern Canada.

Meanwhile, the Saskatchewan

government has announced it expects to be in the business of exporting natural gas. The search for gas, the government here believes, will be stepped up when construction of the proposed line from Alberta begins. The province has reserves estimated at one trillion cubic feet. The search for gas, the government here believes, will be stepped up when construction of the proposed line from Alberta begins. The province has reserves estimated at one trillion cubic feet. The search for gas, the government here believes, will be stepped up when construction of the proposed line from Alberta begins. The province has reserves estimated at one trillion cubic feet.

Incidentally, the massive report made in December by Alberta's conservation board, is being printed by popular demand. So many requests were received for copies of the report that a printing order was placed with the Queen's Printer.

Price per copy: \$1.00. Farmers' marketings of wheat in the first four months of the 1953 crop year were down 14 per cent from the corresponding period of 1952, according to statistics compiled by the bureau of statistics of the Alberta department of industries and labor. The four-month period ended December 2.

The total country elevator and platform loadings was 47,214,000 bushels of wheat. In the first four months of the 1952 crop year the total was 54,876,000 bushels.

Marketings of other grains were off 30 per cent at a total of 28,144,000 compared with 40,224,000 in the fourth month period of 1952. Down about 40 per cent were barley and rye marketings, with barley totalling 14,401,000 and rye, 1,352,000. There were 11,040,000 bushels of oats marketed, a decrease of 14 per cent from the year before.

Livestock men sold considerably more of their product in the first 11 months of 1953, compared with the year before, but as far as cattle were concerned prices were lower. The 433,129 head of cattle marketed was an increase of 27 per cent, but their value of \$67,999,884 was a drop of 34 per cent. Calf sales totalled 104,208 head, a 45.6 per cent increase. The value, \$5,774,410 was off 19.5 per cent. There were 1,278,234 head of swine sold, for a 15 per cent increase and their value, \$57,495,591, represented a 28 per cent increase over the year before.

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Billy Rose Rink Win Major Prize In Viking's Annual Frig Bonspiel

(From The Viking News)

The fifth annual Frig Bonspiel ended Saturday evening just as successful from every standpoint as any previous.

The Billy Rose rink that has attended all the frig bonspiels here came out victorious for the third time when they won out over the Viking rink skiped by the veteran curler Jack Slavik, by the score of 9 to 6, and copped the main prize of four genuine deep freezers.

The game held the interest of the crowded rink until the end. In spite of the cold weather the two rinks put up one of the best final frig bonspiel games seen here since the Cumberland rink of Sedgewick won the four frigges in the first frig bonspiel ever held in Canada. The Viking Curling Club annual Frig-Classic has become and will continue to be one of the main curling events in the three western provinces. It derives support from the best towns and cities this far west in curling interest. It doesn't take second place to the Edmonton or Nipawin spels. For your information the Edmonton spel this year is featuring four refrigerators as the top prize!

Speaking of the final game Saturday, the score was as follows:

SLAVIK 013 000 010 20X—6
ROSE 000 112 103 01X—9

FRIG BONSPIEL NOTES

The 12 rinks qualifying in the knockout playoff competition for the deep freeze home freezers were Billy Rose, Sedgewick; R. Cooper, Sedgewick; Gerry Rice, Edmonton; Russell Smith, Killam; Hilker, Ribstone; D. Cookson, Loughheed; D. Currah, Vermilion; E. Fossen, Forestburg; Len Loades, Irma; Jack Slavik, Lumir Dobry and Cecil Runyon, Viking.

FIRST DRAW OF PLAYOFF Friday, 2 p.m.

Loades, Irma, def. Runyon, Viking.

Rice, Edmonton, def. Smith, Killam.
Slavik, Viking, def. Hilker, Ribstone.
Cooper, Sedgewick, def. Fossen, Forestburg.

SECOND DRAW OF PLAYOFF Saturday, 11 a.m.

Slavik def. Cooper (13 ends).
Rose def. Currah.
Dobry def. Cookson (13 ends).
Rice def. Loades.

SEMI-FINAL PLAYOFF Saturday, 2 p.m.

Rose def. Dobry (13 ends).
Slavik def. Rice.

FINAL PLAYOFF Saturday, 8 p.m.

Rose defeated Slavik.

PRIZE WINNERS

Deep Freezers
Rose rink.

G.E. Floor Polishers
Jack Slavik rink.

Official Schedule

EASTERN ALBERTA HOCKEY LEAGUE 1953-54

Referees: Haxby and Hughes
Edmonton.

Saturday, January 30
Viking at Wainwright.
Vegreville at Vermilion.
Wednesday, February 3
Wainwright at Vermilion.
Vegreville at Viking.
Saturday, February 6
Viking at Vegreville.
Vermilion at Wainwright.
Wednesday, February 10
Wainwright at Viking.
Vermilion at Vegreville.
Saturday, February 13
Vegreville at Wainwright.
Viking at Vermilion.

New Appointment For Chrysler Corporation

Windsor, Ont., January 11—Appointment of C. O. Hurly to the newly-created position of Assistant to the Vice-President in Charge of Sales, Chrysler Corporation of Canada, Limited, is announced here today.

In making the announcement, Mr. A. J. Shute, Vice-President in charge of sales pointed to the move as still another indication of Chrysler's stepped-up program. The company's vast expansion program, he said, will put Chrysler in a position to change its sales position in the overall Canadian market, and the company's merchandising organization is being strengthened all along the line to meet the demands of a more competitive market.

Julien Hebert of Montreal has designed a garden lounge chair with an aluminum frame featuring a nylon covering which laces on and off for easy laundering.

Electric Razors
Lumir Dobry rink.
Gerry Rice rink.
Bed Throws
Len Loades rink.
Don Cookson rink.
Ralph Cooper rink.
D. Currah rink.

Auto Ropes
Fred Hilker rink.
Runyon rink.
R. Smith rink.
Ed Fossen rink.

Special prizes were awarded the Hugh Roberts rink of Killam that played 7 games and did not qualify, prizes were 4 pictures of mountain scenes donated by Calgary Power Ltd. In the near future a banquet will be held when the finalists in the bonspiel and committee members will be present to meet around the festive board and exchange ideas to make the next frig spiel bigger and better than ever.

Local Gas Kings in Slump, Drop Last Two League Games

(From The Viking News)

The Viking Gas Kings dropped their second consecutive game here on Saturday night when the hard-pressing Wainwright Commandos nicked them to a 2 to 1 count.

Although your scribe was not able to attend this contest, it is felt that Bill Mason was sorely missed by his team-mates and the fans and probably his absence contributed to the loss, among other reasons. (Billy was busy curling at Edgerton in the high school playoffs.)

Following is a summary of the game:

First period: No scoring. Penalties: Gulltner 12:44, Thunell 19:23.

Second period: Wainwright, Hallett (Touche) 15:07. Penalties: Murray 2:45, Dunnigan J. 2:45, Bouche 2:45, Messmer 7:00, Hallett 12:56.

Third period: Wainwright, Blensch (Kilmer) 18:31, Viking, Romanuk (Lewis, Klein) 19:45. Penalties: Messmer 1:47, Strate 5:42.

Lineups
WAINWRIGHT: McManis, Murray, Strate, Hallett, Touchette, Blensch B., Gulltner, Linnell, Blensch H., Le Blanc, Berg, Bouche, Blensch R., Rasmussen, Thorndycraft.
VIKING: Bantle, Thunell, Klein, Lewis, Messmer, Glasgow, Proctor, Mason, Dunnigan J., Dunnigan T., Frickleton, Gleason, Romanuk, Selzer, Slywka.

On Sunday afternoon, Viking played hosts to the Killam Indians in a benefit hockey game with the proceeds going to the Viking Legion Polio Fund. To make a long story short, the game ended with Viking Gas Kings thumping Killam 13-2. Goals for Viking were scored by J. Dunnigan with A. A. Klein also with 3, Proctor 2, Slywka 2, and one piece going to Mason, Romanuk and Thunell. Killam goals were by Brisdard and Lefraud.

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Many Alberta Oldtimers Remember Charlie Blazier

When the folks around Brooks, Alberta, get talking about Charlie Blazier, it is with the respect people accord the memory of a man they liked. And somehow it is tinged with that old pride of acquaintanceship one would associate with the days when a man who was a mackinon and made his own way on the range or in the timber, bolstering no one and asking none for help, was just a notch above his fellow man who made his way in the world by staying behind a counter.

Or maybe that's just because Charlie Blazier was one of a breed now dead. In these parts at least. He was an old coyote hunter. Hundred bucks a head bounty there was too. And he was an old antelope man. In 2004 all over the continent and in travelling shows there are antelope today that trace their ancestors back to the Brooks country.

Blazier drifted into the Brooks area around 1902. At least John Elde, who has been around here so long he can remember going to school in Calgary in 1896, first remembers seeing Blazier in 1902 or thereabouts. Maybe it was a year or two one way or the other. Blazier came in from Montana. Not that it matters. He'd come originally from Michigan where he furnished lumber camps with deer meat. Man had to do a heap of shooting to hold a job like that. And Blazier

brought his shooting eye with him. Alberta at that time was pestered by wolves. The stockmen were worried over their losses and around Brooks they banded together and offered \$100 a head bounty. Blazier did right well for himself.

Then he got interested in the antelope. He was a man of the outdoors and the homestead he took up in 1909 was a side-line for years.

For some years Blazier guided hunters who came to kill antelope. There are still antelope around Brooks irrigation country, but they are now protected. Blazier, however, took a fancy to getting them alive, and he built quite a thing out of it.

He contacted an animal broker somewhere in the United States and through him he would ship the antelope to zoos and travelling shows. He got up to \$300 a head F.O.B. Brooks.

He shipped the animals—all fawns—in crates, two dozen at a time. His friends who recalled his operations thought he was the only man in the business in all Canada.

Blazier first got around on horseback. Then by buckboard. He kept pace with the times and graduated to a model T Ford. He employed Russian workhounds to help catch the antelope. He'd sit for hours watching the countryside with glasses. When he spotted a doe grazing, he knew the fawn would not be too far away. He used the dogs as sheep dogs are used.

When he got them home he milk-fed them from a 26-ounce whiskey bottle, with a rubber nipple. He warned the milk before feeding. The young animals shuffled and shoved him around to be fed and it was difficult to keep them from who had dined. So he hung a leather thong on the neck of each animal. When it had fed he removed the thong.

The animals were delicate. They were packed in the shipping crates so tightly that even if they got excited they could not move enough to break their legs. Sterling Zangbell, who runs a cafe in Brooks has a big framed picture of Blazier feeding the animals. He says transient customers "can't understand it."

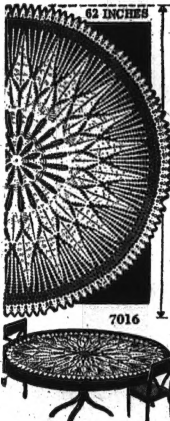
Blazier was about 70 when he died eight years or so ago in the Everette Home at Glendon. "He was a pretty good fellow," said Jack O'Brien, sitting at the lunch counter over coffee, recalling Blazier and his operations. "Oh, not too bad," replied John Elde. But from the way he said it you gathered he couldn't have said much more.

MENNONITE STEEPLE
WINNIPEG.—For the first time in history of the Canadian Mennonite Brethren church, a steeple has been raised on one of their churches. The 20-foot steeple was placed on the tower of the new Kelvin Street church in Elmwood, with aid of a 50-foot crane. Labor costs on the building were reduced by voluntary efforts of the congregation.

The Republic of Chile is spending \$20,000,000 in 1953 to link together its varied geography.

Patterns

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PEGGY



Funny and Otherwise

"How do you like your hair cut?" asked the barber. And the tired customer replied, "Oh."

The prospective father-in-law was interviewing his daughter's young man. "And what are your prospects?" he inquired.

"Oh, pretty good! Unless your daughter's misled me," was the reply.

When Robinson walked into his friend's office he found him looking very depressed. "What's the trouble?" he asked.

"Oh, just my wife," replied the other sadly. "She's engaged a new secretary for me."

"Well, what's wrong about that?" he asked.

"She is a blonde or a brunette?"

"He's bald."

The queue in the post office was getting longer and longer. At its head—before the grille with the "Postoffice" label—an old woman was taking her time. She fumbled in her handbag; brought out first one and then another article and laid them on the counter. They made an imposing collection.

The pension book still hadn't come to light, but a little old man with a soldierly look about him could stand it no longer. "Hurry up, Ma," he called out. "This is a pay parade, not a bit inspection."

Tommy went to a party, and when he returned home he was questioned in detail about his behavior.

"Well," said his mother, "I'm glad you didn't take a second helping of cake."

"I never take second helpings now," Tommy said, with the way of parties. "I take two pieces the first time the plate is handed round."

A guest at a dinner party, arriving late, found a seat reserved for him near the head of the table, where a goose was being carved.

"Ah," he exclaimed, "so I'm at the next to the goose."

Then, observing the lady on his left, he made haste to amend an awkward phrase.

"I mean the roastest one, of course," he said.

A man was ordering a new suit. His tailor, however, told him it would not be ready for six weeks.

"Six weeks!" cried the customer. "Why the whole world was created in six days."

"True," said the tailor. "But have you taken a good look at it lately?"

In the office the manager of a large department store a woman customer was complaining.

"I can't understand," she said, "why your shopkeeper had to be so unreasonable. I asked him a simple question, but before he answered me he wanted to know where I came from. Why must he know that?"

"What question did you ask him?" the manager inquired.

"Just a plain, simple question. I simply said, 'Is this the second turn to the right?'"

A woman in the midst of legal proceedings was complaining to a friend about the expense conferences she had to endure with lawyers.

"Oh," said her friend, "don't talk to me about them. I've had so much trouble over my will that sometimes I wish my husband hadn't died."

Patient: "I say, doctor, don't you think it would be a good idea if I packed up and went to a place where the climate is warmer?"

Doctor: "Hang it all! That's the very thing I've been trying to prevent!"

Two recruits were pegging down a tent; one was holding the pegs for the other to hit. Attempting to give a peg a hefty blow, the man with the mallet slipped and caught the other a heavy blow on the head.

Rising, the man with the bump followed to the other: "Don't muck about. The sergeant's watching us!"

He was screwing up his courage to propose to the woman of his choice, but was at a loss for appropriate words. At last he managed to stammer: "Would you help me spend my salary?"

"Why, of course," she replied brightly.

"I mean for ever," he continued.

"Oh, it won't last as long as that," she assured him with a smile.

Prospects Are That Good Times Will Continue in '54

Prospects for 1954 are that the generally firm trend of economic activity during 1953 will continue without serious interruption. Consumer purchases, which showed a significant increase early in 1953, are being maintained. Though exports declined somewhat in the early months of 1953 they improved later and held to levels of the comparable period of 1952. Continuing firm demand for agricultural products in the domestic market can be expected.

Prospects for wheat sales are reasonably good even though the world supply is larger. Sales of other commodities in overseas markets have undergone some adjustment but generally seem to be firmly based.

The demand for farm workers during 1954 is expected to be about the same as in 1953 and farm labor supply and demand to be in fairly balance.

Basic farm supplies, such as machinery, fertilizers, pesticides, twine and bags are expected to be ample during 1954 with prices about the same as those of 1953. Ammonium nitrate is the only material in short supply, but other nitrogen materials are available. The trend toward the increased use of higher analysis fertilizers is expected to continue.

World production of wheat during the 1953-54 crop year is forecast at about four per cent. below last year's record of 7.3 billion bushels. Basic to the current world wheat situation is the fact that Canadian farmers have harvested a total of 1,855 million bushels of wheat in the past three years, an average of 618 million bushels per year. This is nearly twice the prewar (1935-39) average production of 312 million bushels.

Ponoka, Alberta, Theatres Sold

J. Purnell and Sons, operators of theatres at Lacombe and Red Deer, will take over active operation of the two theatres at Ponoka, as well as the Ponoka Drive-In Theatre, it was announced "this week."

The Lacombe theatre operators purchased H. Labrie's theatres in Ponoka outright, and will take over active ownership on April 1 of next year. — The Waskawin Times.

duction as in 1953.

Indications are that during 1954 there will be a continuing strong domestic market for eggs and poultry with an increase in egg consumption comparable to the increase in population and an increase in consumption of poultry greater than the relative population rise.

The outlook for 1954 is for a sizeable increase in the production of apples and grapes and for a moderate increase in the production of apricots, cherries, pears, plums and prunes and strawberries. This forecast is contingent on weather and factors such as insects and diseases.

Combined production of Registered and Certified cereal, flax, corn, bean, pea and soybean seeds in 1953 was a little larger than in 1952. Production of wheat was the highest in a number of years and that of soybean was much the largest ever recorded. Supplies are adequate for domestic needs.

Seed supplies of alfalfa, alsike, red and sweet clover will be more than adequate for domestic needs in 1954, with the possible exception of double cut or early type of red clover. Any shortage of this kind could be met by a greater use of other kinds such as alsike, alfalfa and timothy.



THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA

General Statement

30th November, 1953

ASSETS

Notes and deposits with Bank of Canada	\$ 226,402,343.82
Other cash and bank balances	181,035,444.16
Notes and cheques on other banks	195,484,323.76
Government and other public securities, not exceeding market value	972,141,264.96
Other bonds and stocks, not exceeding market value	101,301,756.80
Call and short loans, fully secured	149,280,473.79
Total quick assets	\$1,823,643,607.29

Other loans and discounts, after full provision for bad and doubtful debts	994,865,750.13
Bank premises	20,871,991.94
Liabilities of customers under acceptances and letters of credit	\$1,213,786.75
Other assets	5,261,053.05
Total	\$2,895,856,189.16

LIABILITIES

Notes in circulation	\$ 83,335.04
Deposits	2,734,644,076.93
Acceptances and letters of credit outstanding	51,213,786.75
Other liabilities	1,615,814.82
Total liabilities to the public	\$2,787,557,013.54

Capital	35,000,000.00
Reserve Fund	70,000,000.00
Dividends payable	1,783,800.83
Balance of Profit and Loss Account	1,515,374.79
Total	\$2,895,856,189.16

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Profit for the year ended 30th November, 1953, after making appropriations to Contingency Reserves, out of which full provision for bad and doubtful debts has been made	\$18,952,608.56
Provision for depreciation of bank premises	1,365,472.39
Provision for income taxes	\$17,587,136.17
Dividends at the rate of \$1.20 per share	\$4,200,000.00
Extra distribution at the rate of 20¢ per share	700,000.00
Amount carried forward	\$3,735,136.17
Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 29th November, 1952	780,238.62
Transferred to Reserve Fund	\$4,515,374.79
Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 30th November, 1953	\$1,515,374.79

JAMES MUIR,
President

T. H. ATKINSON,
General Manager

OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY

Romance Is For Ever

By M. J. Collins

AUNT MARTHA was so mad she felt like sitting down and having a good cry. It was all Joe's fault. Why that man couldn't see an inch beyond his nose. Sunday was their golden wedding anniversary. Heavens to Betsy! She'd dropped enough hints. All the plans she'd made. Now they would have a nice quiet dinner Sunday, and she wouldn't say a word. When she phoned Jeanne to come over with the family, Jeanne had excused herself by telling her that they were already invited out.

She looked out the kitchen window. Uncle Joe was busy getting his garden ready for planting. Spring was into this year. Aunt Martha remembered that morning fifty years ago; the apple trees had been a mass of white and pink blossoms. She had been so excited, her knees knocked and she was positive everyone in the church could hear them. Joe's knees knocked, too. She could feel them as he stood beside her. He smiled, almost grinned at her, and they both felt better. How foolish and romantic and how long, long ago.

"Right Romantic!" she exclaimed. She remembered something. Joe was bent twisting her about her old fur coat only last week. "Guess I'll have to shoot a couple of rabbits and make a new one for you," he told her. Why hadn't she thought of it? Why, the old rascal. He was just as romantic as ever. She turned away from the window, her face wreathed in smiles. A fur coat. Now where would he hide anything like that. It was in the house, she was sure of that. First she would ice the cake while he was outside, then she would find where he had hidden the coat. Joe came stamping into the kitchen, scattering dirt all over her clean floor. Aunt Martha had barely time to whip the partly iced cake into the pantry out of sight.

"Out of matches," Joe grumbled, reaching for the box and taking a handful. "I don't know what sort of tobacco they grow now-a-days, must be all the sprain't they do. Maybe I should get me a new cornob." Aunt Martha wrinkled up her nose. "That would be an act of charity," she said with evident disbel.

"What's wrong with it?" he demanded. "Why, a good clean'n' and I'll get years of use out of it." He knocked the dottle into the stove. Aunt Martha wished he'd hurry up and go. That Joe was in no hurry. Filling the pipe bowl, he tapped it home and got it drawing well before he made a move. "Well, better get back to work," as he was going out, he said something about women not appreciating the finer things.

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THE TILLERS

IT'S THE END OF ANOTHER YEAR AND YET STILL HANGING PROPPED IF HE'D ONLY TAKE ME IN HIS ARMS AND—

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I GUESS SHE DECIDED IT'S TOO COLD TO KISS HER EGGS!

—By Les Carroll

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Unusual Gate Posts At Farm Entrance Near Rycroft, Alta.



—Photo courtesy of Harold Thomas, Grande Prairie

A few miles south and east of Rycroft, Alberta, two oddly shaped gate posts stand at the entrance to a farm overlooking a spruce-studded valley. Those gate posts represent a lot of work for Jerry Knezevich and family. It was about six months ago that Jerry was walking through the spruce fringing the stream that slides through the valley on one corner of his farm. His eye was caught by a towering, misshapen tree with huge knots running up and down the trunk.

Back home he went to report his "find" and detail his plan for a unique entrance to his farm home. Helped by other members of the family, he felled the tree by hand and sawed off two eight-foot lengths from the unusual trunk.

A tractor hauled the logs up the valley slope and to the farm. Now, the gate posts are in place—peeled and ready for a coat of varnish in the spring. A picture of a bull's head will be mounted on each to give a dash of flourish to the unique entrance.

ZEALANDIA FARMER WINS OAT CHAMPIONSHIP

James Parquharson, of Zealandia, won the Oat Championship at the Provincial Seed Fair held in Saskatoon recently with a sample of Rodney Oats weighing over 44 lbs to the bushel. He received a \$25 cheque from the United Grain Growers besides winning the Trophy. Rodney oats is a new variety developed and released for sale this year. Albert Kessel won 2nd prize with his Antelope Rye, also a newly released variety of Fall Rye. His Thatcher wheat which won 8th at the Saskatoon Show. His Montclair barley which was placed 2nd at Toronto and disqualified at Chicago for some reason was kept back at Chicago and Kessel states he did not have time to prepare a new sample in time for the Saskatoon Show. However he will exhibit a new sample of Montclair barley at the Winter Fair held in March at Brandon, Man.

CATTLE POPULATION The total Canadian cattle population, beef and dairy, may reach 10 million head by next June.

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Manitoba No. 3 Highway Surveyed For Reconstruction

CARMAN, Man.—A survey crew of the Manitoba Department of Public Works has been at work recently on the section of No. 3 Highway between Carman and Morden. Reconstruction of this part of No. 3 is understood to be on the program for this summer. The highway represents the long-debated question as to the permanent route of the highway from Carman south. At a meeting at Carman last summer representatives of the various districts interested in the highway route unanimously agreed that the location of the highway should not be changed and urged the government to have it reconstructed on the present location as soon as possible.

Sexsmith Citizens Vote Overwhelmingly For Water, Sewer

SEXSMITH, Alta.—In the largest turnout of voters on a single question in village history, Sexsmith ratemakers voted overwhelmingly in favor of installation of a sewer and water system. Fifty-nine voted in favor of the bylaw and twenty against. The affirmative vote meant that the last hurdle had been surmounted in a two-year effort to bring sewer and water to the village. Construction will likely get underway in the spring.

NERVOUS COYOTES?

PORT MACLEOD, Alta.—Residents of the McBride Lake district were surprised to see some 50 mallard ducks walking on the ice of the lake. At the edge of the lake lurked a coyote, apparently fearful of chasing the ducks over the ice.

Today is yesterday's pupil.

5,600 Acres Seeded For Forage In '53

REGINA.—Acreages seeded in forage in 1953 by the provincial conservation and development branch exceeded 5,600 acres. J. A. Arndt, director of the branch, said today. This brings the total forage crop seedings in the last five years to about 40,000 acres.

The greatest amount of seeding on individual projects was done at the Squaw creek forage project near Craik, where 1,220 acres were seeded, and at the Mortlach forage project west of Moose Jaw where 1,243 acres were seeded. The Mortlach area produced well over 7,000 tons of fodder this year on land which 15 years ago was mostly drifting sand.

The Spangler irrigation project in the southwest corner of the province produced 1,000 tons of hay this year; 800 acres are now seeded to forage crops. At Vidora irrigation project 900 acres are now seeded to forage and will come into production soon, while 620 acres were seeded to forage crops by the C and D branch this year in the Mayreone reclamation project southwest of Moose Jaw.

Other projects where acreages were seeded to forage crops by the branch included: Kestley Springs, southwest of Swift Current; Maple Bush, south of Elbow; Souris in the southeast; Buffalo Coulee near Kindersley and French Plains south of Saskatoon.

The opossum's habit of "playing dead" is a nervous reaction over which the animal himself has no control, the heartbeat being slowed sharply.

The tapir of the tropical countries is closely allied to the horse and rhinoceros.

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Grease cookie sheets. Preheat oven to 350° (moderate). Mix and sift twice 2½ c. once-sifted pastry flour or 2½ c. once-sifted all-purpose flour; 2 tps. Magic Baking Powder and ½ tsp. salt. Cream ¾ c. butter or margarine and gradually blend in 1½ c. lightly-packed brown sugar; add 2 well-beaten eggs part at a time, beating well after each addition; mix in ¼ tsp. vanilla and ½ c. chopped pecans. Add flour mixture to creamed mixture part at a time, combining thoroughly after each addition. Drop dough by spoonfuls, well apart, on prepared cookie sheets; flatten with the floured tines of a fork. Bake in pre-heated oven 10 to 12 minutes. Remove from pan immediately. Yield—6 dozen cookies.

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MD Wainwright Council Meeting

The Council of the MD of Wainwright No. 61 met in the Council room at Wainwright, on Thursday the 14th day of January, 1954.

Councillors Sutherland, Belanger, Garrioch, Arthur and Archibald present.

Reeve Sutherland in the chair. This is the official record of the proceedings.

Arthur—that the minutes of December 10, 1953 be accepted as written. Cd.

Finance
Belanger—that the accounts as recommended by the Finance Committee and subsequent accounts rendered be passed and paid. Cd.

Sutherland—that the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the month ending December 31, 1953 be accepted and incorporated in the minutes. Cd.

Administration and Taxation
Archibald—that this Council adopt the 1953 assessment as the 1954 assessment subject to the 1954 Court of Revision if any. Cd.

Secretary advise the D.C.T. 4-U-147 for Lots 37 to 40 incl. Block 6 Plan 5681 A.C. Village of Edgerton being the land where the Edgerton Grader Shed is situated on had been received.

Belanger—that Mr. Castle be a Committee re to the Insurance on the contents of Edgerton shed with power to act. Cd.

Municipal Property

Bylaw 424 a bylaw of the MD of Wainwright No. 61 concerning the sale of Lot 1 Block 3 Plan 5088 NW Central Park to James Humphries for \$225.00 cash presented, passed first, second and third reading. Cd.

Archibald—that Mr. H. Harvey be a committee to bring in an appraisal on timbers situated on L/S 15 Sec 19-45-6 by 11th February, 1954. Cd.

Relief Grants and Health

Belanger—that the action of the Secretary re to emergent relief extended to Rose Cartier \$25.00 for December, 1953 be accepted. Cd.

Garrioch—that relief be extended to Mrs. Rose Cartier at \$75.00 per month, \$35.00 rent and a food order for \$40.00 per month and the Secretary arrange for weekly food orders. Cd.

Sutherland—that the sum of \$60.00 be paid to H. Casper for the care of his father B. O. Casper from Nov. 1 to Dec. 3, 1953 and that a similar amount be paid to Mrs. R. Kelly of Bentley Alberta for the care of her father B. O. Casper each month and reply to her letter Jan. 7, 1954 as instructed by Council. Cd.

Archibald—that the action of the Secretary in asking Clr. Arthur to attend a meeting of the Minburn-Vermilion Health Unit No. 12 of Dec. 16, 1953 be approved. Cd.

Archibald—that the written report of Clr. Arthur of the Minburn-Vermilion Health Unit No. 12 meeting held Dec. 16, 1953, be accepted and that Clr. Arthur be appointed the official representative of the said Health Unit from the MD of Wainwright No. 61. Cd.

Archibald—that a grant of \$50.00 be extended to the Worthington Branch of the Canadian Legion No. 27 B.E.S.L. Polio convales. Cd.

Agricultural Service Board
Belanger—that the oral report of the Supervisor from December 10 to this date be accepted. Cd.

Public Works
Secretary instructed to write the MD of Beaver at Ryley re to old A. D. Grader if any parts of same are for sale.

James Zajic to inquire for a car chassis that may be used for the 302 oil wagon.

Archibald—that James Zajic inquire re to the purchase of a good Hoist and Acetylene torch for the Irma shop and report at February meeting. Cd.

Garrioch—that this Council accept the proposition of S. E. Lawrence as outlined to Council for the consideration of \$100.00 to be applied on Taxes. Cd.

Belanger—that Don Hollar of Viking be advised that the 1950 accounts for gravel contract has been paid in full and that no balance is owing. Cd.

Sutherland—that the pay-sheets be passed and paid when signed by the Councillors concerned.

Belanger—adjourn. Cd.

Locals

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Firkus, the former Donna Coulman, on the birth of a daughter, Sharon Marie, in the Mannville hospital, Jan. 26.

A denation to the Bethany Sunset Home in memory of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Glasgow has been received from Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gubras.

Mr. J. J. Burrell, long-time resident of the Strawberry Plains district passed away suddenly at his home on Saturday evening, January 23. Funeral services were held from Irma United Church on Tuesday last. Deepest sympathy for Mrs. Burrell is felt by our whole community. Full obituary next week.

Mrs. A. Miles is well enough to leave hospital and was able to return to her home here this week.

Among those receiving their caps this week at the Misericordia hospital, Edmonton, are nurses in training Doreen Simmermon, Alma King, Avis Satre, Norma Likness and Evelyn Erickson.

An Irma rink composed of Messrs. L. Loades, N. McMillan, K. Coffin and Edgar Jones succeeded in reaching the play-offs at the recent Frig Spiel at Viking last week. Their prize was 4 lovely blankets. Much more enjoyable and useful trophies think we, in this weather, when all outdoors is one big deep freeze. Frig spiels should be held in July.

Mrs. R. L. Simmermon and Mrs. J. Ostad boarded the bus on Tuesday morning. Mrs. Ostad to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Lovig at Jarrow and Mrs. Simmermon to her father Mr. S. H. Simmons at Kinsella.

You are invited to come and see the beautiful sound and color film "Gop of Creation," an unforgettable scientific revelation of the astronomical world showing the heavenly bodies, their size and number. In the realm of natural science God's handiwork is shown in the metamorphosis of a caterpillar—in lapse time photography stories showing wonders in plant life as buds become full-blown blossoms in a few seconds. Showing at Passchendale School under the auspices of the Avonlong Gospel Mission Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Floyd Bronson went to Edmonton this week to see her mother Mrs. Adam Miles who is convalescing following an operation.

Mrs. Percy Webber of Castor spent last week-end here at the home of her sister Mrs. C. Anquist. She then went to Edmonton to see her daughter Mrs. Bruce Lane.

Mr. Norval Miles of Whitecourt has returned home after coming to Irma to attend the funeral of his brother George.

Mrs. Carl Larson who suffered injuries in a car accident between Edson and Edmonton just after Christmas, is now feeling much better and was able to leave the hospital and return to her home at Irma last week.

Notice To Creditors And Claimants

In the matter of the Estates of David Allen Glasgow, and his wife, Sarah Jane Glasgow, late of the district of Irma, in the province of Alberta, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having claims upon the estates of the above named, David Allen Glasgow, and his wife, Sarah Jane Glasgow, who died on or about the 17th day of December, 1953, are requested to file with Albert David Glasgow, Irma, Alberta, by the 27th day of February, 1954, a full statement duly verified of their claims and of any securities held by them and that after that date the Administrator will distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice has been so filed, or which have been brought to his knowledge.

Sigurd Lefsrud,
Solicitor for the Administrator,
2229c Viking, Alberta.

ELECTION NOTICE

Nominations for Elections

Municipal District of Wainwright, No. 61

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 1954

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a Meeting of the Electors of the Municipal District of Wainwright, No. 61 will be held at the I.O.O.F. Hall, Wainwright, at one o'clock p.m. on Saturday, the 20th day of February, 1954, for the discussion of the affairs of the district and that from three o'clock p.m. to four o'clock p.m. on the same day and at the same place nominations for the office of Councillor will be received.

2 Councillors are to be elected.

Councillors are to be elected for the following electoral divisions:

DIVISION 3

At the same place, time and date above mentioned, nominations for members of the Boards of the following Municipal Hospital Districts will be received. Members to be elected at large.

Division A, B, C, 3 Members of the Board of Wainwright Hospital District, No. 17

Given under my hand at Wainwright this 19th day of January 1954.

29-5-12-19

C. WILBRAHAM,
Returning Officer.

NOTICE

OF ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a Meeting of the Electors of the Village of Irma will be held in the Irma School on Monday, the 8th day of February, 1954, at eight o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Mayor, Secretary-Treasurer, Auditor and Chairman of the various Committees of Council for the year ending thirty-first day of December, 1953.

Dated at Irma this day of 18th January, 1954.

A. C. CHARTER, Secretary-Treasurer.

Public Notice

The Annual Meeting of the Ratepayers of the Irma Municipal Hospital District, No. 55, will be held in the Irma School on Monday, the 8th day of February at 8 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer, and to consider the Audited Financial Statement for the year ending December 31st, 1953.

Returning Member of the Board, Mr. W. N. Frickelton for the Village of Irma.

Nomination day, February 15th, between the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon and 12 o'clock noon.

Place of Nomination—Village Office, Irma, Alberta.

Nomination papers must be signed by at least five ratepayers. Village of Irma.

Dated at Irma this 18th day of January, 1954.

A. C. CHARTER, Secretary-Treasurer,
Irma M.H.D. No. 55.

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